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Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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